

regarding the on-going illegal construction in village Masjid Moth (Uday Park) However, a complaint was received about unauthorised constructions in two properties in this village. After investigation 11 officials were charge-sheeted and were shifted from their present positions. Action against unauthorised construction is taken by M.C.D. under the DMC Act.

Wastage of Oil Products

3848. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study to find out the extent to which oil products are being wasted in the country;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any strategy to harness the petroleum resources to the optimum and to give a thrust to the entire field of oil conservation has been or is being worked out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R. BAALU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An inter-ministerial working group had undertaken a study with the objective of finding out the ways and means for restricting wasteful practices in utilisation of petroleum products and conservation efforts to be adopted in the various sectors of economy. The study has identified a potential for conservation of petroleum products upto 20% in transport sector, 25% in industrial sectors, 30% in agricultural sector and 20% in domestic sector.

(c) and (d). Government have initiated various steps to promote conservation measures for petroleum products in the transport, industrial, agricultural and domestic sectors. These includes adoption of measures and practices which are conducive to increase fuel efficiency and training programme in the transport sector; boilers modernisation, replacement of furnaces and other oil operated equipments with efficient ones and promotion of fuel efficient practices and equipment in the industrial sector; standardisation of fuel efficient irrigation pumpsets and rectification of existing pumpsets to make them more energy efficient in the agricultural sector and development as well as promotion of the use of fuel efficient equipment and appliances like kerosene and LPG stoves in the household sector. For conservation of petroleum products, the oil refineries have undertaken/planned use of sophisticated technology, advanced control instruments and process control techniques, upgradation of low efficiency furnaces/power generating equipments, special attention to steam consumption, steam leaks and condensate recovery, Joint energy audit etc.

Government have also set up Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) which act as the nodal catalysing agency for promoting conservation of petroleum products.

Backlog of SC/ST

3849. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of backlog of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees in Central Government departments, category-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken this year to make good the backlog under the special drive undertaken by Government indicating the target contemplated, Category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). Central Government Department have so far reported the following backlog vacancies for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes under the Sixth Special Recruitment Drive, 1996 for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes :

	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe
Group A	151	112
Group B	164	118
Group C	2127	1932
Group D	578	1280

All Departments have been asked to fill up backlog vacancies by 31.3.1997, under the Special Recruitment Drive 1996.

[Translation]

Allotment

3850. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Members of Parliament who applied to the Delhi Development Authority for the allotment of DDA flats since 1992 till date;

(b) the criteria adopted for allotment of DDA flats to Members of Parliament;

(c) the number of Members of Parliament allotted flats on priority basis; and

(d) the time by which the flats are likely to be allotted to the remaining Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). The DDA has reported that no separate record in respect of applications received from Members of Parliament and allotment of flats made to them is maintained by it. All applicants/registrants under its various housing Schemes, including Members of Parliament, are treated on equal footing in the matter of allotment of flats.

(c) and (d). There is no provision for priority allotment to Members of Parliament as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India. However, any Member of Parliament who is eligible for priority/out of turn allotment of a flat as per the guidelines is accordingly considered for such allotment by the Empowered Committee.

[English]

Robot

3851. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has developed any "ROBOT" in collaboration with a company for being used in Atomic and Space institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the foreign equipments have also been used while developing this 'ROBOT';

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of amount incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Trombay has developed, in collaboration with the public sector company M/s. HMT Limited, Bangalore, an upgraded Bilateral Master Slave Servomanipulator - a telerobotic system. This system can be used in atomic installations and also has possible applications for space devices.

(c) All the components and sub-systems used in this telerobotic system has been manufactured indigenously;

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The expenditure incurred on the development, production and commissioning of 3 pairs of Servomanipulators is Rs. 162.30 lakh approx. (excluding taxes, duties etc.).

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

3852. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has entered into a 50:50 joint venture with Exxon of the U.S. to manufacture lubricants;

(b) if so, the details of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the HPCL and the U.S. Company including the blending and marketing of lubricants and the parallel marketing of LPG; and

(c) whether this joint venture is likely to help the HPCL in improving its market share in the lube industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) :

(a) HPCL has not entered into a Joint Venture with M/s. Exxon, USA, so far, for manufacturing lubricants.

(b) and (c). HPCL has signed an MOU with M/s. Exxon to form a 50:50 Joint Venture Company for development of infrastructure for import and marketing of LPG. HPCL has also signed a technical-cum-marketing collaboration agreement with Exxon, for blending and marketing of Exxon brand lubricants in India.

Panchayati Raj

3853. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated November 8, 1996 captioned "Flawed Panchayati Raj"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It has been the endeavour of the Government of India to make the Panchayati Raj system more effective and responsive instruments for people's participation in local self-Government.

Construction of Flats

3854. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of flats constructed by the C.P.W.D. for the Government officers in the Pinjarapole Housing Complex in South Delhi;

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereon and when these flats were constructed;